

Apr 28, 1788

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Maryland admitted  
10, 527 sq mi  
Annapolis

Apr. 28, 1788

Maryland (#7) adopted  
U.S. Constitution.

May 23, 1788

South Carolina (#8)  
adopted U.S. Constitution.

May 23, 1788

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South Carolina admitted  
31,055 sq mi  
Columbia

Jan 2, 1788

Georgia became 4th state  
to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

1788 AD

The aboriginal inhabitants of the coasts and dry interior of Australia spoke more than 260 different languages, and their hunter-gatherer traditions, rich in skill and ritual, traced back 40,000 years. The settlement of their best land by intruders from 1788 onward, was a catastrophe. Although nominally British citizens, they were killed, mal-treated, or impoverished.

1788

The British consoled themselves by colonizing Australia by 1788. It was the last continent held exclusively by scattered groups of hunter-gatherers and, like the Amerindians, the Australian and Tasmanian Aborigines, were vulnerable to diseases imported from Europe, as well as to more deliberate pacification. Even the remote Pacific islands of the Polynesian gardeners became hotbeds of shipborne disease.

June, 21, 1788

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New Hampshire admitted  
9,304 sq mi  
Cumberland



June 21, 1788

New Hampshire was the  
ninth state to adopt  
the Constitution.

Up till that time, the  
Constitution was not official,

June 25, 1788

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Virginia (#10) adopted  
U.S. Constitution.

Sept 13, 1788

The Continental Congress on  
Sept 13, 1788 proclaimed the  
ratification of the U.S. Constitution  
by nine states, and  
ordered the convening of  
the new government  
on Mar. 4, 1789